

## Filled Gelatin Capsules for Human Consumption

NOTE- The requirements for empty gelatin capsules for human consumption are different- for information on export of empty gelatin capsules for human consumption, please go back to the previous screen and select the appropriate link.

NOTE- Turkey requires filled gelatin capsules to be certified as being “fit for human consumption.” APHIS is not the competent authority to provide this statement. Turkey also requires BSE-related statements (regarding tissue of origin). The exporter will either have to obtain two certificates for each shipment (one from APHIS with the below statements and one from a State or other competent authority regarding fitness for human consumption) or obtain one certificate from a competent authority with the statements both regarding the tissue of origin (the ones below) and regarding fitness for human consumption. When two separate certificates are used, they must remain two separate tissues (i.e., the certificate from the competent health authority may not be part of the official APHIS certificate).

### Ineligible products:

The following gelatin capsules are not eligible for export to Turkey:

- Gelatin capsules derived from/containing any ruminant materials (even hides/skins imported from BSE free countries) that is **manufactured, labeled, packaged, or stored in Washington State or the State of Texas or the State of Alabama**. Even if the ruminant origin ingredients are imported from a BSE free country, the gelatin is banned.
- Gelatin capsules containing US origin ruminant origin ingredients (even hides or skins).

### Eligible products:

Turkey is believed to permit the import of the following gelatin capsules only:

- Gelatin capsules containing no ruminant origin ingredients.
- Gelatin capsules containing no ruminant origin ingredients except for those imported from countries recognized by Turkey as being free of BSE, **IF** the gelatin capsules is not processed in any way in Washington State or the State of Texas or the State of Alabama.

### **Animal Health Certification Requirements (Must be Supplemented with Certification from a Competent Authority Declaring Fitness for Human Consumption)**

Gelatin capsules derived from animal origin materials:

Shipments must be accompanied by a VS Form 16-4 (MAR 2004 Version) with the following **two** exact items added to the “ADDITIONAL DECLARATION” area. **(No additional attestations may be included on the certificate. The statements may not be paraphrased or changed in any way.) See note at the end of this article on Roman number III.**

- I. The statement “This office has on file a notarized affidavit from [insert manufacturer’s name here] verifying the accuracy of the statements below.”

II. One of the following 2 statements:

Option A (for gelatin derived from animal-origin materials other than ruminant):

" The gelatin is derived from [insert tissue and species other than ruminant]." (*e.g. The gelatin is derived from porcine skin.*)

OR

Option B (for gelatin containing ruminant materials imported from a BSE free country):

" The gelatin is derived from [insert tissue and ruminant species of origin] from [insert BSE free country], a country where BSE has not been reported, and produced in [insert state other than WA, TX, or AL]." (*e.g. The gelatin is derived from bovine skins imported from New Zealand.*) [*Note – in order to obtain this certification certificates from the country of origin of the imported ingredient must be provided. See your local Veterinary Services Area Office for more information on requirements for this certificate.*]